

Conservation schemes

One of our aims is to establish a mechanism for consulting, meeting and engaging environmental and agricultural authorities as well as other relevant actors in each of the 10 countries; these mechanisms will be described in a short report.

One key factor for this task is the early integration of stakeholders (farmers, landowners, hunters, etc.) and other relevant actors (farm advisory service, agricultural chamber, nature conservation experts as well as national and regional officials in charge of Rural Development Programmes and LIFE). Another key factor is the timing of the CAP planning processes. From our initial analysis of the CAP programming process in the selected MSs, we started work on initial steps towards the consulting mechanisms (Table 4). More in-depth analysis will be conducted during Task 3.2.

In order to effectively consult relevant actors in 10 Member States, *Birds@Farmland* will:

1. Identify **relevant actors in national processes** (existing mechanisms for consulting) related to bird conservation such as CAP Strategic planning and **persons involved in bird conservation** (also including agricultural organisations and farmers' representatives).
2. **Contact relevant actors** identified and inform them about this project on farmland bird conservation.
3. **Describe existing mechanisms related to bird conservation** in the MS using *semi-structured interviews* (focusing on the role of the organisation in the mechanisms, knowledge about farmland birds conservation, awareness about measures, practical implementation of measures, farmers acceptance)
4. **Identify best timing windows for the workshops** to fit the ongoing policy process and enlist the participating relevant actors (especially those who are involved in co-developing and negotiating the CAP Strategic plans, but also those who are under-represented in this process).
5. **Conduct a first national workshop with relevant actors** (or if possible, participate in already existing consultation and decision-making process) and:

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